

## Current model of transmission planning:

### Project announcement:

- Notification of potentially impacted parties
- Dates for public information meetings
- Public informed how and when to comment on project
- Public informed of eminent domain proceeding

All information usually dispensed with both the utility proposing project coupled with staff from the Public Service Commission intertwined with both personnel and handout information.

### Problems with this model:

- Transmission is planned not as an integrated solution but as a stand alone solution resulting in higher energy prices and dirtier sources of generation
- Impacted communities receive little or no direct benefit
- Citizen participation is given no real weight in decision, lip service really
- Citizens bear the physical burden of the project without adequate financial compensation or the option to sell their entire parcel
- Citizens are made aware of a project after project has already been planned. Basically let's plan a route and build---ROW compensation is yours whether you want it or not.

## “Smart” transmission construction:

- Enhances transmission infrastructure to optimize efficiency
- Greater cost savings to all parties
- Improved usage of local and American resources
- Makes use of multiple community projects which can be brought on line sooner
- Communities receive incentives for construction through increased employment opportunity, better power quality for certain business demands
- Increased reliability through more remote and mixed generation sources, especially in storms
- Less citizen resistance due to increased participation in project planning and participation, both through involvement and financial compensation
- New transmission lines determined through upgrades of the lower voltage system, in other words construction of renewable projects dictates when and where infrastructure upgrades occur.

In support of the position of **S.O.U.L.**

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